



Christmas 2 3 January 2021

The Order of the Administration of the Lord's Supper
or
Holy Communion according to
the Book of Common Prayer

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ORGANIST

WELCOME:

Michael Jensen

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

all stand

1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name!
2. Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way best for you.
3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would reckon to own;
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.
4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil. Amen

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COMMANDMENTS

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Choir:

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS 2

ALMIGHTY God, who made thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Greta Archbold

The passage appointed for the Epistle is written in Galatians chapter 6, beginning at the 1st verse.

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

Here endeth the epistle

FATHER OF MERCY, GOD OF CONSOLATION

all stand

1. Father of mercy, God of consolation,
look on your people, gathered here to praise you,
pity our weakness, come in power to aid us,
source of all blessing.

2. Son of the Father, Lord of all creation,
come as our Saviour, Jesus, friend of sinners,
grant us forgiveness, lift our downcast spirit,
heal us and save us.

3. Joy-giving Spirit, be our light in darkness,
come to befriend us, help us bear our burdens,
give us true courage, breathe your peace around us,
stay with us always.

4. God in Three Persons, Father, Son and Spirit,
come to renew us, fill your church with glory,
grant us your healing, pledge of resurrection,
foretaste of heaven.

James Quinn (1919-2010)

THE GOSPEL

Geoffrey Gartner

The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew,
chapter 11 beginning at the 25th verse.

Choir: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Choir: Praise to thee, O Christ.

THE CREED

I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things
visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified
who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one catholic and apostolic church
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE SERMON

Diane Speed

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth; where rust and moth doth
corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for
yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth
corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

Matthew 6:19

All things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee

1 Chronicles 29:14

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and
shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in
him?

1 John 3:17

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING, FATHER WE OFFER

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2 God, bless the labour we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 Father, providing food for your children,
your wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

4 Then will your blessing reach every people,
each one confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)

NOTICES

THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully (to accept our alms and oblations, and) to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. Amen

THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the comandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

THE CONFESSION

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
we acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and wickedness which we, from time to time
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed,
against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly
thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:
have mercy upon you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you
Matthew 11:28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

Hear also what St Paul saith:

This is a true saying and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1Timothy 1:15

Hear also what St John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins 1 John 2:1-2

THE PREFACE

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, (Holy Father) almighty, everlasting God.

A seasonal preface will follow at Christmas, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and singing:

Choir:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS.

We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord.
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

here the priest is to take the paten into his hands

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

here the priest shall break the bread

and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread

this is my body which is given for you:

do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper he took the cup;

here the priest is to take the cup into his hands

and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying

Drink ye all of this;

here the priest lays a hand on every vessel with wine to be consecrated

for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee,
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee and
be thankful.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The priest says either the Prayer of Oblation or the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

The Prayer of Oblation

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire
thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by
the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his
blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our
souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto
thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this
holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly
benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. Amen

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen

THE GLORIA

All stand. Choir sings

GLORY be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good-will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen



ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores the big questions of life, faith and meaning. The course is presented

in a friendly and open environment and provides an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, deepen your understanding of God and learn more about the Bible. The evening involves a video presentation and then small group discussions. The next course commences 28 January 2021. For more details, please visit stmarksdp.org/ministries/alpha